

Torrance Teams Win 2, Lose 2 as Grid Wars Open

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MAYOR, COUNCIL PAY HIKE URGED

C of C Votes Approval of Pay Raises

A special Chamber of Commerce committee headed by Past President Fred W. Mill is urging an increase in the pay now going to members of the city council, the HERALD learned this week. In a report to the Chamber's board of directors, Mill's committee urged that pay for councilmen

be upped from \$100 a month to \$250, and the pay for the mayor be hiked from \$100 a month to \$350.

"This will have a two-fold benefit," a resolution by Mill's committee stated. This increase will partially compensate the councilmen and mayor of our city for the terrific effort expended in the interest of the city and also to continue to attract capable men for these positions."

rance voters several years ago. Cost at the time, with five members of the council, was \$6000 a year.

WITH THE addition of two more members, the annual salary costs of the council went to \$8400 — its present figure. Should the new proposal be put to the voters and approved, annual salary costs would rise to \$22,200.

The proposal also would give the mayor more salary than other members of the council. At the present time each receives \$100 a month, plus expenses necessarily incurred on city business.

No specific plan to place the matter before the voters has been announced.

THE BOARD adopted the committee's resolution. Further consideration of the proposal is scheduled for this week's meeting of the Chamber directors.

Pay for members of the city council at the rate of \$100 a month was approved by Tor-

School Bulge Moves Into Higher Grades

Torrance's school enrollment boom is taking a new shape this fall, with a greater percentage of high schoolers, according to school officials. This will be more costly, they reported.

Enrollment is up about 1900 this fall, to 28,800. High school enrollment is up about 777 students, 15.8 per cent, and enrollment in elementary schools is up 1085, 5.4 per cent. The total is about 7.5 per cent higher than last year's.

"We found a drop in the number of kindergartners, but an increase in high school enrollment," said Superintendent J. H. Hull. "The average age of students is changing rapidly — and this will make

our program most costly. High school students' education cost about \$200 more per year than those of elementary students."

During Torrance's early building boom, the schools were flooded with youngsters of kindergarten or primary age. Since 1955, however, the average age has gradually risen with a decided jump this year.

"This increase in older children may be partly due to more apartments," Hull noted. "It also may be that as home prices increase, younger families cannot afford to buy here. Apparently, the people who can afford the homes are a little older and have older children."

Local YWCA Wins Drive For Freedom

A campaign of several years' duration to establish the Torrance YWCA as a local branch and cut its ties as a unit of the Harbor Area YWCA bore fruit this week when the Harbor

Board of directors voted to release the local group to seek its own way.

A bitter issue with local sponsors and leaders of the YWCA movement, the break with the Harbor Area Group will now pave the way for the Torrance YWCA to affiliate with the National YWCA as a full member, backers of the move stated.

ANNOUNCING THE decision of the Harbor board was Dr. Frances Clark, president, who said,

"After careful study and consideration, the board voted to accede to the request of the Torrance group to be released and the board will stand by to advise and consult upon request."

In a visit here last July, Evelyn Noxsel of the National Field Staff of the YWCA said the group must (1) have a membership of 200 to 300, (2) a committed group of approximately 100 volunteers, (3) functional active committees, both administrative and program, (4) an ongoing varied program including teenage, young adult, and general, and (5) assurance of continued financial support.

THE TORRANCE YWCA was started 14 years ago when the Torrance Welfare Commission asked that organization to establish a program in the city for the women in industry. The first staff was assigned in 1947, through the efforts of the Torrance Junior Women's Club. The present building, located at Carson St. and Plaza Del Amo, was constructed several years ago through the efforts of local clubs and organizations, led principally again by the Junior Womens Club.

Polio Clinic Set

A \$1 polio clinic sponsored by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce will be conducted next Saturday, Oct. 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Security First National Bank, El Prado and Cravens, in downtown Torrance.

Nursing Courses Studied

Preliminary steps in the establishment of a nursing program as a part of the curriculum of El Camino College are currently under way, following approval of such action by the college Board of Trustees.

Outlining the pressing need for such an educational program in the college district before the board were Miss Wilma Hiatt, consultant, California Associate in Arts Nursing Project of the State Department of Education, and Leonard W. Days, administrator of the Gardena Community Hospital.

OTHERS participating in the board's discussion on the formation of the forthcoming program included John Morrow, assistant director of instruction at El Camino into whose division the proposed nursing program would fall. Throughout the discussion, members of the board and other spokesmen recognized recruitment of qualified instructors and a trained coordinator as the number one problem involved in the establishment of the new instructional area.

THE BOARD, through its president, Hilar K. Ashley of El Segundo, expressed itself as being desirous of securing names of qualified personnel who might be interested in

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IMPRESSIVE SHOW . . . Bn. Chief Gordon Northington, Torrance Fire Dept. training director, illustrates common home, business, and industrial fire hazards to members of the El Camino Kiwanis club last Tuesday. John Donnelly, president of the club, looks on. October 9-15 is National Fire Prevention Week. (Herald photo)

Hahn Urges War Against Flood of Smut Material

There is a serious need for intelligent legislation to eliminate the flood of obscene and suggestive literature which can be bought at many newsstands by any school child, Supervisor Hahn declared yesterday.

"However, legislative action alone is not enough to lick this problem. It must be fought by all responsible citizens, the schools, the churches, and the publishing industry," he stated. Most legislation dealing with the control of suggestive literature has been declared unconstitutional because the issue of freedom of the press has been involved.

"I BELIEVE that a good law can be written which will make control of this offensive literature possible without in any way infringing upon the rights of free speech and free press," Hahn declared.

But, he added, the problem needs to be fought on many other fronts.

Each parent should know

the commercialization of sex to sell magazine, books, and advertising.

Churches should provide moral and spiritual guidance so that children will be strengthened and will not find it necessary to read obscene and suggestive literature.

South Bay Artists Slate Show Friday

An all-area Art Fair is scheduled for Sept. 30, October 1 and 2 at the Plush Horse Inn, 1700 S. Pacific Coast Hwy.

For these three days, the fair will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with representatives of the participating art groups present.

For the first time, many of the creative talents in this area are gathering and displaying their works in this one great exhibit. Artists from all over the South Bay area will hang their works in the Plush Horse Arcade, the new building between the restaurant and the hotel, and in the front area of the hotel.

Participating are groups include the Artists' Coop Gallery of Redondo Beach, the South Bay Arts Ass., the Torrance Art Group, the San Pedro Arts Ass., Les Artistes and the Gallery of San Pedro. Everyone is invited to come and browse or shop — paintings will be offered for sale.

North, South Teams Win

Torrance's four high school football teams wound up with a .500 average after opening games Friday — the North Saxons and South Spartans won; the Torrance Tartars and Bishop Montgomery Knights lost.

For the Saxons, it was a 14-6 win over Downey, and for the Spartans, it was a 21-7 win over Dominguez.

Torrance failed to score in a thrilling opener as the Redondo Seahawks scored a 6-0 shutout over the local entry.

The Bishop Montgomery Knights, taking on the powerful Loyola squad, came up on the short end of a 32-0 drubbing. (Details on sports page.)

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think a city government should assume the power to close down an entire business on Sunday, as they have been considering in the case of the barber shops? What other businesses might be affected by such powers?"

Replying were:

David Vannatta, 1920 Torrance Blvd., paint sprayer for Douglas Aircraft:

"I don't think the city government has any right to assume that power especially over the barber shops because there are times when Sunday is the only time a person has the opportunity to get his hair cut. It would also affect the local bars and cafes, in fact any business that operates on Sunday, so I don't think such power given to the city is right."

Mrs. Mary Macias, 1416 W. 227th Street, housewife:

"I definitely do not think the city should assume such power. It is nice to have them open on Sundays for the people who work and can't get to them at other times. I don't think such a law should affect other businesses much, just the barber shops."

Arthur Svensk, 403 Hermosa Ave., Hermosa Beach, Aircraft worker:

"It does not really make much difference to me if they did assume the power to close down a business, but I don't think it would hurt if they did. I don't see where such an ordinance would affect other businesses. It might be more convenient to have them open but usually they are cut rate ones that stay open Sundays and usually the work they do isn't very good."

Georgina Jensen, 2732 Martha, Dress finer for Margo's:

"It sounds rather dictatorial to me so I don't think they should assume such power. I think if Torrance did, then other cities might follow suit and that would affect any business that is open on Sunday such as drug stores, grocery stores, etc."

Mrs. Gall A. Conley, 939 E. Fiat, housewife:

"I think it is entirely up to the individual as to whether he will operate his business on Sunday or not, not the city government. There are too many people who work six days a week or odd shifts, that can't patronize them any other time."



A FAMILY AFFAIR . . . The four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Beards, all acolytes at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, pose with the Rev. Hugh R. Percy, rector, following services Sunday. The boys, (from left) Kenneth, David, Dennis, and Harry, all served on the altar at the 11 a.m. services. (Herald photo)



MOVING IN . . . Combined art groups of the area will show their renderings at the Art Fair which will open next Friday in the Plush Horse Inn, located on Pacific Coast Hwy. at Prospect. Oliver Berthoud, general manager of the inn, is pictured welcoming artists Duane Wilder, Mrs. Wilder, Mrs. Vincent Schumacher and Mrs. Edmund D. Keeler. (Herald Photo)